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SUBJECT: NEW CUBAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

1. CUBAN AMBASSADOR SALVADORE VILESECA FORNE PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO GREEK PRESIDENT TSATSOS YESTERDAY (APRIL 28). THE MFA DIPLOMATIC LIST INDICATES AGREEMENT WAS ACCORDED IN DECEMBER 1976. RESIDENT IN ROME, VILESECA IS EXPECTED TO BE HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS MORE BEFORE RETURNING TO ITALY. CUBA PREVIOUSLY HAD ACCREDITED ITS RESIDENT AMBASSADOR IN BEIRUT TO GREECE. LAST OCTOBER, CUBAN DIPLOMAT FRANCISCO RAMOS ESTABLISHED AN EMBASSY OFFICE IN ATHENS, ALTHOUGH HIS PRESENCE MADE AN IN-SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN ATHENS DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AND HE APPARENTLY HAD FEW NOTEWORTHY CONTACTS AT THE MFA. RAMOS APPARENTLY WILL CONTINUE TO HEAD THE CUBAN DIPLOMATIC OFFICE HERE AS CHARGE.

2. AN MFA WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT THE CUBANS ARE PRESSING HARD FOR THE GOG TO SEND AN AMBASSADOR TO HAVANA. THE GOG, HOWEVER, IS RELUCTANT, PREFERRING INSTEAD TO BE REPRESENTED AT ANOTHER LEVEL. THE MFA OFFICIAL MENTIONED THAT SOMETHING LIKE A COAST GUARD OFFICE WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE OF THE HIGH VOLUME OF GREEK SHIPPING IN THAT AREA. KUBISCH

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